

Holiday Planning

Gift Ideas

To support a sustainable future, look for presents that use a minimum of resources. Give gifts that can be ordered online or over the phone and delivered to you free of charge. Keep an eye open for products made from recycled materials. Gift certificates to a favorite store or tickets to a concert, theater production or sporting event minimize time, packaging, wrapping and resource waste. An annual pass to State Parks might be perfect for your avid outdoors friend. An altruistic twist on this idea is to donate to a person's favorite charity or nonprofit organization, or ask people to donate to one in your name.

Entertaining

When planning holiday festivities, make it easy for your guests to recycle at gatherings by providing clearly marked recycling receptacles near the trash. Be planet-friendly by stocking plates, glasses and cutlery that can be washed and re-used.

Public Transit

Let someone else do the driving on shopping trips, and forego the holiday parking headaches. Try a bus or train. Check with local public transit for special holiday routes and hours.



*Julia Pfeiffer Burns
California State Park*



*Angel Island
California State Park*



*Big Basin
Redwoods
California State Park*



*Emerald Bay
California State Park*